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COMMUNITY CHEST AND WAR FUND DRIVE OPENS

First Sprague WAC To Arrive In France



Pvt. Josephine Gelineau

Sept. 17, 1944

Dear Sis:

Sitting here by a flash-light dashing off a few lines to you. Are you surprised at my being here? Well, I am!

Paris is beautiful — we are living in a hotel and I have already seen some very interesting sights. The people are grand, but I cannot understand them. It's some fun, trying to talk with your hands! There are many beautiful girls here and they certainly dress swell, and plenty of things are not rationed here like in England; but many of the places are still barred up due to the Germans being here.

The food is not too plentiful — we have to go about three miles after it, walk — thumb a ride or whatever! In time, we will have our own mess set up here. Our office is also three miles away. Ha ha! Good for my fat.... Little kids talk French and keep asking for gum, grownups would do anything for cigarettes. They have none here — neither have we and can't buy them for our P.X. hasn't been established yet. Our Red Cross has coffee and doughnuts and a soft drink and that's about all.

My trip over was much better than the boat ride — it sure was a thrill and quite an experience. The day I arrived, I had a letter from Vi Guilino and she sent some air-mail stamps which come in handy, as you can see. Please see that my address for the Sprague Log is changed, and notify the others so that I can receive mail sooner. I'll say so long for now.

Regards,

Jo.

(The above letter was received by Lucy Ciempa of Paper Rolling.)

Enthusiasm Shown At Rehearsals For Seventh Annual Benefit

1944 Minstrel-Benefit Set For November 16 and 17.

The Committee for the Annual Benefit and Minstrel Revue met Tuesday, October 3rd, to formulate plans for the seventh show to be staged by Sprague employees. This annual event is looked forward to with pleasure by all Sprague workers, their families, as well as North Adams citizens, who are acquainted with the excellence of past performances.

Etta Owen is again Chairman for the Benefit performance, while Fred Windover will put the Minstrel numbers and chorus through their paces, and Larry Haskins will direct the skits which are to be featured in the first half of the show.

Committee Heads named were: Ray Mahar for tickets; Mary Mathews for ushers; Wm. Jette and Roy Trotter for stage, lighting, and properties.

The show is definitely scheduled for November 16th and 17th.

Rehearsals Draw Big Response

The first rehearsals for the Benefit Minstrel and Review have drawn a large number of volunteers. More than fifty persons turned out for the initial rehearsal at the Richmond Hotel on Wednesday, October 4th. Fritz Windover was very much pleased with the response and said he was certain that others would join the ranks as rehearsals continued. "There's always room for more," he stated.

Unless otherwise announced, rehearsals will take place in the Richmond Hotel on Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week. Mrs. Margaret Miller Blanchard has been obtained as pianist.

SPRAGUE QUOTA IS \$9,000

How Warm Is YOUR Heart?

With the slogan, "How Warm Is Your Heart," over 100 Sprague workers started the solicitation of pledges on Wednesday for the 1944 North Adams War and Community Chest Fund. The quota for Sprague workers is \$9,000, and indications as the 'Log' went to press were that the meeting of the quota would be a very close matter with a great deal of work remaining to be done.

The quota for the community this year is \$75,000, an increase of \$13,000 over last year's requirements. The increase is wholly due to the increased needs of the North Adams Hospital, which has had to adjust its budget upwards because of long overdue adjustments in the pay and hours of graduate nurses on its staff.

FIRST MEAL IN GUAM



Pfc. Joseph P. Downey (left) and pal from California eat their first meal in Guam. Note hand grenade in foreground. Joe, the son of Joe Downey, Sr., of Impregnating, enlisted in the Marines upon graduation from Drury High.

Many Organizations Benefit

While the increase is attributable to the hospital's needs, workers are pointing out that there are still many other organizations which benefit including USO, YMCA, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many local, national, and international welfare agencies.

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President Sprague to Address Chicago Conference

Mr. R. C. Sprague, president of Sprague Electric Company will speak before the Electronic Parts and Equipment Conference on October 21, at Chicago, on the subject, "What's Ahead in the Radio Parts Industry." It will be of timely interest to the large number of Parts Jobbers and Parts Manufacturers who are expected to attend this conference for the consideration of their mutual problems, including those which will follow the war.

"Of the Employees,-by the Employees,-for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Traditions to be Upheld

With the thoughts of all Americans turning toward Victory today, it is fitting and fortunate that here in this community we are able to pause for a moment and devote our effort toward the giving of money for the many needs of our community, our boys in the service, and the world.

The War and Community Chest Fund this year is faced with the problem of raising almost 25% more than last year. North Adams has a tradition of never falling down on a quota, and there is every indication that this year's quota will be met as in the past.

When your department solicitor comes to you and asks you to give from the fullness of your heart, for the sake of your community, and for the sake of your sons and husbands in the service and for the sake of a better world, you cannot say "No."

PRAISE TO ALL SPRAGUE BLOOD DONORS

Local Chairman

Thanks All Workers

The letter printed below, from the American National Red Cross is dated October 4, 1944.

Berkshire County Chapter
 American National Red Cross

My dear Mr. Sprague:

Now that the Red Cross Blood Donor Service has been completed in North Adams for 1944, may I send you the sincere thanks of the Registration Committee for all that the Sprague Electric Company did for the success of the local blood bank. Without the splendid response of your workers each time, the unit came to North Adams, I doubt if our success would have been so great.

We are especially grateful to your nurse, Miss Owen, for her untiring efforts to provide donors—often on very short notice.

To all members of your organization for their help and cooperation in this vital Red Cross undertaking, our appreciation and thanks.

Cordially yours,
 Katherine P. Cody, Chairman of
 Registration-Blood Donor Service.

Etta Owen of the Dispensary states that much of the credit for any part which Sprague's have contributed to the success of the Blood Bank is due to Lawrence Dufraigne, who put much time and effort into getting volunteers.

Last minute volunteers who stepped forward on such short notice at the last visit of the Blood Bank on September 26th were Claud Wager, Roma King, Marion Perotta, Helen Harrington, Irene Charron, Rachel Lawson and Norma Whipple. These were in addition to a long list of volunteers who had signed up previously. Many of the Sprague donors have contributed each time the Blood Bank visited North Adams.

FIRST LOG BENEFIT DANCE IS A SUCCESS



Just Part of the Crowd Who Helped Make the Benefit Dance a Success

Party Nets \$140.00

The Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel was the setting for the first social affair of the newly-formed Log Social Committee, on October 6th. As our readers no doubt know, this social was a benefit dance the proceeds of which are to be given to the North Adams Hospital for the purchase of new equipment. The sum realized was \$140.

It is the plan of the Committee to run other socials and add to this sum,

bringing it to a figure that the employees of Sprague Electric Company may well be proud. With the cooperation of all employees, the Committee feels confident their efforts will not be in vain, and they are gratified with the results of this first venture.

Thanks Committee

Through the medium of the Log, I wish to extend my thanks to each and every one who helped make the Sprague Log Benefit Dance a most successful affair. To you who did your share in buying a ticket, the Committee says "Thank You"—and to the Committee and reporters who so willingly did their part in selling tickets and assisting me, their Chairman,—my sincerest thanks. The Committee who helped so enthusiastically were: Betty Jangrow, Marion Caron, Bernie Bullett, Mamie Farinon, Sydney Richardson, Rita Siciliano and Larry Madison.

Dance Sidelights

If you were at the dance last Friday night, wasn't it wonderful! It was a splendid idea to form the Sprague Log Social Committee—they really do things up right!

The music was perfect—it was fun being part of the group who had their pictures taken. . . . Everyone went home contented and determined to help more when the Social Committee again does something.

Claire Murray

Visits His Home

Brother Peter Claver, C.S.C. (former Ed Tessier of the Impregnating department) now studying at the Holy Cross Brothers' Home in Valatia, N.Y. is a recent visitor at his home in North Adams.

New Department Formed To Supply Civilian Needs

Recalling peace-time activities when almost five hundred people were engaged in the production of Sprague type PAA was tubular condensers, a new department opened at Brown Street last week.

The Department, which is in charge of Alfred "Pete" Law, formerly assistant foreman of the Tubular Assembly Department, will be engaged for the time being in the production of wax tubular paper condensers for high priority civilian use and for export. However, it is believed that when production of radio sets is resumed the size of the department will gradually be increased to its peace-time size.

About sixteen people reported for work in the new department last week, Peggy Daub, formerly of Beaver Street will put the new stove solderers through their paces at Brown; and Patricia Bontempi, formerly of Registor Standard Assembly Dept. will train the wax pourers and assemblers.



Alfred Law Heads New Dept.

Attend National Electronics Conference

Five members of the Sprague Organization attended the National Electronics Conference in Chicago, October 5, 6 and 7, 1944. The Conference was sponsored by the Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, the Institute of Radio Engineers and Institute of Electrical Engineers, both of the Chicago Section.

The purpose of the Conference was to serve as a national forum on electronic developments, with technical meetings, forums, and symposia for the interchange of ideas.

Among the subjects discussed were Television; Electronic Power Applications; Electronic Aids to Medical Science; and the Survey of Industrial Electronics. The Conference was highlighted by a talk by Major L. Lohr, former president of the National Broadcasting Company, and now president of the Museum of Science and Industry.

Representatives were Mr. Louis Shuey, Mr. Wm. Allison, Mr. Nelson Beverley, Mr. Harry Rice of the Sprague Electric Company, and Dr. Leon Podolski of the Sprague Products Company.



Listen to the New

**SPRAGUE
 RADIO
 PROGRAM**

over Station WTRY

Dial 980

Beginning October 18 - 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.
 Every Wednesday

"Sprague On Parade"

Musical Log Program Recorded for "Posterity"

Sgt. Bergeron from England Is Guest

Just to get an idea how the Sprague Radio Choruses sounded, the Wednesday, October 4th program was recorded by station W.B.R.K., and then played back to those listening in the Game Room of the Richmond Hotel. It gave the members of the Choruses a good sample of the progress they have made — and also how far they have yet to go. The men did a fine job on the "Levee Song", and when the women were in balance, they sounded very pleasing.

Bergeron Talks on Air

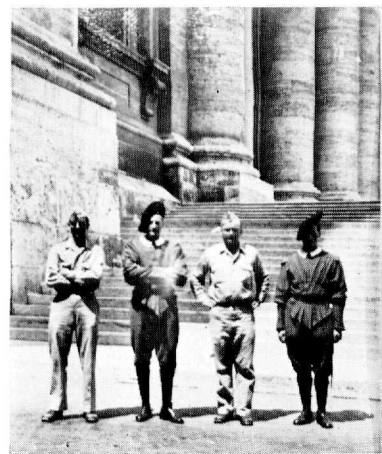
The highlight of the program came, when Staff-Sgt. Paul Bergeron, brother of Alice Swartz of Scheduling, and a former Sprague worker, was introduced to the radio audience by Larry Madison. He certainly sounded as though he were glad to be home after serving 27 months in England. Both of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bergeron were in the audience, so it was a family party.

Al Perry Conducts

Sprague on Parade Program

On Friday, October 6, the Purchasing Department's Al Perry "emceed" the "Sprague on Parade" program, presenting Jane and Priscilla Windover in a duet, and later, Jane soloed "The Londonderry Air". Jim Oldham told about the Purchasing Department's place in the effective operation of the Sprague organization, and also assisted Al in his version of "I'll Be Seeing You". . . . It was a "delayed" broadcast, because of the late finish of the World Series game—but the show went on to perfection.

The October 13th program will be "femceed" by Gerry Reeves of Mica, assisted by Eleanor Valotta and Gladys Foster, and our good friends, "Sam and Moe."



Clarence Chilson (left) pictured with his pal and Swiss guards at entrance to the Vatican, in Italy. Clarence is the brother of Grace of Paper Rolling.

Speaks at Kiwanis Club

Marvin Williams was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club, Oct. 3rd, when that organization observed National Newspaper Week.

Cigarette Fund Report for September

September 1,.....	\$104.95
September 8,.....	101.91
September 15,.....	97.16
September 22,.....	100.55
September 29,.....	100.30
Total.....	\$504.87

Thank You Letters Received

Dear Miss Owen:

Thank you very much for the Camels as they are my favorite brand, and I sure did need them. They arrived in tip-top shape. It is very kind and thoughtful of you people back home, helping all you can, to make things easier for us out here. Have been overseas for two years and am longing to go back home. My home is in New Jersey. I write to a girl in Boston, as her brother used to be with me in another outfit.

Thank you very much for the cigarettes.

I remain,

Sincerely,

Walter J. Ley

Italy, Sept. 12, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

You might be interested to know that your gift of cigarettes was received by a laboratory technician in an Evacuation Hospital. Thanks a million.

S-Sgt. R. F. Mitchell 12056544

KEEP 'EM ROLLING

Roll out those guns, boys.
Aim at the planes in the sky.
Roll out the guns, boys,
Knock the enemy sky high.

When you are through boys,
Lie down and have your rest.
And dream away, boys,
For you have done your best.

We'll roll out the bonds, boys—
All we can in any drive.
It's the right time for us, boys
But our enemies must not survive.

So keep right on fighting
We all will lend a hand
We'll buy more and MORE bonds
For YOU—the best of any land!

Gladys La Barnes

HOLD "DIGGING BEE" Relieve Manpower Shortage

The evening of September 25, 1944, ten employees of the Machine Shop went to the new home of Hugh MacDonald on Hawthorne avenue in Greylock to hold a digging bee. They brought picks and shovels, to dig a trench some sixty feet long and four feet deep so that Mr. MacDonald could get water service.

Starting about 6:00 P.M. and so skillful were the diggers, the ditch was completed about 7:45 P.M. The following were in attendance: Barney Barnhart, Lou Morocco, Ray Fawcett, Bud Bartlett, Walt Baumert, Jimmy Cooper, Harry Trombley, George Hall, George Scarbo and John Walsh of the Machine Shop, and Frank Moore, a neighbor. After the ditch was completed, the gang adjourned to Hughie's home where refreshments and tonic were served by Mrs. MacDonald and her daughter, Mrs. Blair, both former Sprague employees. After a social time, the boys went home, none the worse for the unusual exercise.

The digging bee is another example of the thoughtfulness and cooperation of the Machine Shop boys when a fellow needs help. Hugh was unable to hire anyone to dig the ditch for the necessary water connections at his new home, and the boys came to his aid, thus solving another Manpower Shortage.

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Thank You Letter for Service Record

Italy—15th Air Force

Gentlemen:

I want to express my deepest thanks to you, for having given my mother such a fine gift. She has mentioned how much she liked it in her past five letters. So I can rely on her say so, as to how nice it really is. I have just received another issue of the *Log*. It is dated August 26th. I am very sorry to hear of John's misfortune, I only knew him for a "hello" on the street, but I knew Joe (his brother). Please express my deepest sympathy to his family in the plant. I also read that my old pal Russell Trombley got married to Annette Roy. Well I hope they both are happy now and always. They both are swell people. I'm very glad to hear that Ray Cutler is on the road to recovery. I am stationed right next to his brother Bob, (he's a First Sgt.) and see him quite often. Well so long for now. Thanks again for my Mom's gift, (My Service Record) keep up the good work.

Jim Dillon

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

"The World Series"

By Ken Russell

The World Series is the curtain final for the 1944 baseball season. With the St. Louis Browns defeating the New York Yankees in 4 straight games, and the Detroit Tigers taking only a spit with the Washington Senators, the Browns squeezed in to take the American League pennant.

The first game between the Browns and the Cardinals for the Worlds Championship took place in Sportsman's Park, home of both St. Louis clubs. Mort Cooper, ace hurler of the Cards dropped a heart-breaker. . . 2-1. His opponent on the mound was Denny Galehouse. Both pitched excellent ball, Cooper losing by pitching a home run ball to "Silent" George McQuinn, Brownie first baseman, with Moore on base. He allowed but 2 hits, while his teammates' seven hits were well scattered by Galehouse.

In the second game the series was squared when the Cards defeated the scrappy Browns 3-2 in 11 innings behind the fine relief hurling of Donnelly, rookie sensation of the Cards. Ken O'Dea poked out the winning hit to hand the loss to Bob Muncie.

The Browns came right back in the third game to down the Cards 6-2. Jack Kramer, Brownie hurler held the Cards well in check to annex the victory and give the Browns a 2-1 edge in the series.

The 4th game found the Cardinals turning the tables behind Harry Breechen to win 5-1. Musial was the hitting star with 3 hits. . . a home run, double, and single.

With the series squared at two games a piece, the Cardinals sent their ace, Mort Cooper, loser of the first game, to the mound opposing Denny Galehouse, winner of the opener. Another grand pitching duel took place with both hurlers striking out a total of 22 batters to set a new World Series record. The Cards won the game on two home run drives; the first by Ray Sanders, and the second by Danny Litwiler. This was a tough one for Galehouse to lose but once again it was the case of allowing the batter to lean on too good a pitch and so the Cards surged to the front. . . 3 games to 2. The score of the game was 2-0.

The Cards now need only one more game to take the series. That is the way the series stands as this writing goes to press.

Football in Limelight

By Bernie Bullett

The football season is now in full swing, after having had two weeks of comparative oblivion due of course to the tightness of the American league race. . . and then the World Series. But now the gridiron warriors have the limelight to themselves.

Looking to the high schools, we find Adams High heading the Northern Berkshire race, and they look like a sure bet to capture the crown. It might also be interesting to note that Pittsfield High, the largest school in the Berkshires, has not won the football championship since 1936! And from the looks of their outfit this year, they are sure to maintain their unenviable record. Drury has started slow, and with a green backfield operating behind a veteran line have given a fair account of themselves. Followers of John Del Negro's clan need not feel too badly over their 27 to 0 loss to Turners Falls. The Franklin County boys have been setting a merry pace in Western Mass. this year. It is our early opinion that the Berkshire County Championship will go to Adams this year, with little or no opposition.

College Circles

In college circles, Navy, a heavy pre-season favorite for national honors, was defeated by the North Carolina Pre Flight team in their opening game, while Army, Notre Dame, Illinois, Purdue and Great Lakes all gave vent to their prospective power by registering impressive triumphs. Notre Dame with only a sprinkling of veterans on hand from last year's great team may be the surprise of the year, although they have a long hard road to travel.

Army in a Class by Itself

In the East, Army is in a class by itself. It has six seasoned backs and an aggressive line.

Bowling

The Sprague's Bowling League is under way once again. Fourteen teams comprise the league, and if it's good bowling you are looking for, look in on some of these matches. The popular consensus is that the Stock Room, Machine Shop, and Bathtub Products all Beaver Street entries are the teams who will fight it out for top honors. The league again is under the capable direction of the indomitable Walter Carpenter.

VICTORIES ON SAIPAN, PELELIU HINGED ON LVT'S

"The victory of Saipan would never have been possible without the job done by the Navy's versatile and hard-hitting LVT's," recently declared Rear Admiral E. L. Cochrane, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department.

No other craft could have gained the beaches on which the assault was made. The only access to these beaches other than directly across the reef was through a narrow channel which the Japs could easily have commanded. There were over several hundred LVT's (Landing Vehicle Tracked) engaged in that operation. Undaunted by mortar fire and other enemy opposition, the LVT's crawled across the reefs, through the shallow lagoon, and to the beaches depositing troops, reinforcements and supplies where and when they were needed as the line moved in across the country.

The effectiveness of LVT's was even more forcefully demonstrated in the assault on Peleliu, Palau Islands.

It was also part of the LVT's job to assist in transporting the wounded to the first-aid ships where they could be cared for. In this they were valuable because they did away with the necessity for transferring men from one carrier to another, which is dangerous with certain types of injuries.

Radio Equipment an Important Item

Radio equipment is another important feature of all LVT's. It enables the commander of a combat team to exercise "fingertip control" over his entire crew. Through this medium he is able to issue orders and directions to his vehicles and know precisely where each vehicle is going and what it is doing. In one instance an enemy strongpoint was sighted on the side of a hill. A radio call went out to three LVT's which stationed themselves in an arc on a hillside commanding the site and completely demolished the enemy. Their mission accomplished, they turned about and waddled down the hill.

Today construction of LVT's still remains one of the Navy's top priority programs—on the same level of urgency as assault ships, tankers, aviation fuel and bombardment ammunition. The "Amphibs" have proved themselves indispensable.

In earlier invasions, before the LVT's were available in quantity, men were landed in other types of landing craft. In some cases these craft were stopped by the shallow reefs that bordered the islands, and the troops had to wade in facing machine gun cross-fire. With LVT's men can now hit the beach and keep right on going.

The LVT's are armored to a degree—the amount of armor depending on the job they are designed to do. Those that are used for assault are more heavily armored than those used merely for transporting supplies to the beach.



★★★★★★★★★★★★★ OUR BOYS IN BLUE ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Sent to Christine Vareschi by S-Sgt. Vareschi

So you're sick of the way the country is run,
You're sick of the way the rationing's done
You're sick of standing around in line
You say you're sick, well that's just fine!
I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies,
I'm sick of the stench when night mists rise,
I'm sick of the ambulance's wailing shriek,
I'm sick of the moans of wounded and weak,
I'm sick of the P-38's roaring dive,
I'm sick of seeing young lads die,
I'm sick of the noise, the rear and din
I'm sick of eating my food from a tin.
But I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule,
Of conquered lands where wild beasts drool,
Yet I'm cured damn quick when I think of the day
When all this hell is out of the way,
When the dead have not died in vain,
And lights of the world blaze again,
Things will be as they were before
Kids will play in our streets once more,
Then OLD GLORY will be dipped and furled
As God looks down on a peaceful world.
J. Clark, Bn. Hq. Co.

Bronze Star Medal Awarded

The Charbonneau family has received the Bronze Star medal awarded their son William who was lost in action. The Citation reads in part:

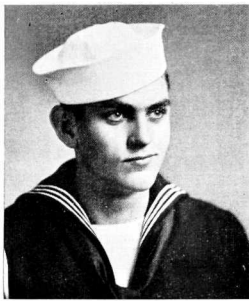
For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while serving on board the USS PC 558 while on patrol off Anzio, Italy on 21 April 1944. During the course of a routine patrol, William was on duty... Alert on watch, he sighted a small object, which later was discovered to be enemy submarines... and destroyed. Charbonneau's extreme vigilance and initiative was largely responsible for discovery of these hitherto secret weapons, their destruction and capture, thereby contributing directly to prevention of damage to shipping; and loss of life to personnel... The alertness, prompt and decisive action and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by William A. Charbonneau reflected upon himself and the Naval Service.

Seaman Perras Feted

Bernard Perras, Seaman 1-c was feted at a family gathering on Sept. 29th. He recently returned from a tour of duty in the Mediterranean area. A former member of the Gas Mask department at Marshall street, Perras enlisted in the Navy in August of last year.



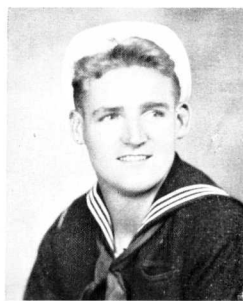
Young Bill Manson and Wm. Roberts, H.A. 1-c at Springfield, Mass. Billy is the son, and William Roberts the brother of Milly Manson of Shipping Dept.



George Faxon, S 1-c, worked at Sprague's up to the time he enlisted. Son of Helen of Wire Coating.



William Guyette, somewhere in the Pacific. Brother of Kathleen of the Resisters.



Harold Oliver, S 2-c, serving in the Navy. Husband of Aurora of Mica Stacking.

Dedicated to Mothers who have sons in the Navy in observance of Navy Day.

"To My Sailor Son"

I did not lose my only son,
The day you went away,
For every lad in Navy Blue,
Is a son of mine to-day.

I may not greet them as they pass,
But though they never know,
A mother's prayer will follow them,
Wherever they may go.

There's growing hunger in my heart,
While you're across the land,
For every mother in the land,
Is kindred now to me.

When you come home my joy
Will be not unalloyed with pain,
For all those other sons of mine,
Who'll never come again.

For all those kindred mother hearts
Whose nearest and most dear,
Have bravely crossed the Great Divide,
No more to greet them here.

Conceived in anguish born of war,
Must come a lasting good,
Unselfish unity at last,
And peace and brotherhood!
Taken from "Our Navy"

Vareschi's Masterpiece

S-Sgt. Vareschi's boys come in for some panning by his company. They write in their Company paper: The anguish these men experience at the sight of fresh meat and vegetables can only be surmised. Thru' sleepless nights, they devise means to reduce these rations to the unappetizing level we enjoy... It is no easy task — but never have they failed to produce a new method to rob food of its taste, change it into an unrecognizable mass to conform with the traditions they strive for... so take the masterpiece to the table and be grateful!

Thanks For Log

Somewhere in S. Pacific
Dear Miss Owen:
A few lines to thank you for the Log. I am receiving it regularly now. Also to inform you of my change of address. Would like to hear from the boys in the Maintenance Dept. Can't tell you much about what is going on out this way. But you get most of it by radio, full as much as we can tell in our letters. I am feeling fine.
Sincerely,
Ronald Burnett CM-2-c
P.S.—Received the check from the Payroll Dept. a few days ago.



Raymond Steffins, Radioman 2-c, formerly of Maintenance Dept., and husband of Lillian of Block Test.

Navy Day - October 27

NAVY DAY was inaugurated in 1922 by the Navy League of the United States and its observance is sponsored annually by the League.

October 27th was selected because it is the anniversary of the birth of President Theodore Roosevelt, so much of whose life was devoted to establishing a sound naval policy for the United States of America. It will be remembered that President Theodore Roosevelt first achieved a national reputation by writing a history of the War of 1812, a work of such merit that it was incorporated into Clowe's Royal Navy, a monumental history of the British Sea Service.

October is also the month in which the American Navy was founded in 1775 by the Continental Congress.

This year the United States Navy will be 169 years old. Its origin is mingled with the very roots of American life and thought. From the era of the wooden sailing ships to the present day its tradition of seamanship and courage has been one of the proudest chapters in American history.

Today the United States Navy is the greatest and most powerful that has ever sailed under the Stars and Stripes. On all the seas of the world, it is writing new and glorious annals in the struggle for freedom that can end only in victory. Certainly there has been no year when the American people can join more wholeheartedly in paying tribute to its Navy.

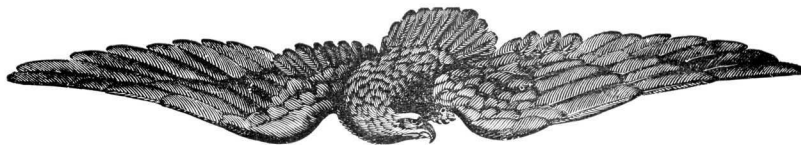
With so many former Sprague workers in the active service of our country with the U. S. Navy in this World War No. 2, it is fitting that we should all give especial thought on October 27, to our boys in the Navy and to how much the Navy means -- not only in securing ultimate Victory -- but in maintaining a sound peace in the future.

Let us all, therefore, join individually, and cooperate as far as possible, in this Annual observance of NAVY DAY on October 27.

Massachusetts "Way Out Front"

	No Sprague Specialties Co. North Adams Massachusetts To The Employees.	George Downing SSK P.S. 44 Navy 96 E. Rd. San Francisco, Cal.
	(SENDER'S STAMP) SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (SENDER'S COMPLETE ADDRESS ABOVE)	
To whom it may concern, Just a note of thanks for your generous contributions to us way out here. Many of us received cigarettes from you back there, and we want you to know how much we appreciate them. Every one of us mean to write you and thank you individually but all of us don't have the time as you can well imagine, so let me be the official letter writer for all our company. Being from Bos- ton, I naturally enjoy sending this note, as every one here thinks his state is best. Of course Mass. is way out front at this writing so keep up the good work and let's hope that this mess gets over soon and we all get back to the best place on earth, The good old U. S. F. Sincerely, George Downing		
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★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★

Pfc. Francis Flaherty In German Assault

Pfc. Francis Flaherty returned to his command post in France recently, having been under constant enemy fire, but never once firing a shot. Pfc. Flaherty, with a buddy, had been assigned the task of a runner, rounding up all members of his company in preparation of an assault on the German border. He and his buddy scoured the country side under constant enemy fire, and during the night, when the Germans set up flares, they discovered they were well behind the enemy's front lines. They returned safely, however, to their own outpost. Flaherty, a former worker in Vitamin Q Department was previously wounded in the Italian invasion last February.



S-Sgt. Agnes Harrison, stationed at Des Moines, Iowa. Formerly of the Production Engineering Dept., and sister of Thelma Lincoln of Impregnating.

Sgt. Agnes Harrison's Outfit Screened for Movies

Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Folks:

We have just been issued new winter overseas caps, and they are good looking....We may get orders to move from the Post. Right now, the girls are studying for a test. They have three during basic....My platoon is tops.

My platoon here has just had pictures taken in a new movie for Hollywood. We have just come back, and possibly you will see it on the screen soon.



Cpl. Matthew Viall, stationed at Banger, Me. Husband of Margaret (Gorman) Viall of Block Annex.

Sgt. James Carey Twice Cited

Sgt. Jas. F. Carey, formerly of Mica, has been awarded the Distinguished Service badge, and also a Bronze Cluster as a member of a Liberator bomb group, twice cited for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy." Commanded by Col. Robert Eaton, the group received its original gold-rimmed blue ribbon for an attack on the Prufening aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany. The cluster was added for a mission over the Ploesti, Romania oil refineries.



Pfc. Bill Davis now stationed in France, son of Julia of Bathtub Assembly. Bill formerly worked in Tubular Assembly.



RECEIVES PROMOTION

Pfc. Eileen Bunting of the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Pt., N. C. Eileen formerly worked in Industrial Oils Finishing.

Where Abouts of . . .

Nicholas Del Negro, formerly of the Impregnating Dept., has received his gunner's wings and been promoted to Corporal. He has been stationed at Yuma Army Air Field, Ariz.

Corp. E. J. Mareau, aerial gunner with a B-24 bombardment crew, has completed his final stage of training at Casper, Wyo. He was formerly in the Boxing Dept.

Pvt. Peter Bodziock has been assigned to the 3509th A.A.F. Base Unit at Ypsilanti, Mich. to study aviation mechanics.

Pfc. John Saulnier has arrived in England, according to latest reports. John worked in the Impregnating Dept.

Pvt. William Wojnicki of the 104th Infantry has arrived in France, according to word received by his wife, Helen, of Sales department.

Norman Belleau, formerly of Block Annex department, has been promoted to sergeant at Ft. Myers, Fla.



Cpl. Simone Campanardi, has arrived in Italy, according to word received by her mother Rita, of Resistors.

Clifford King Receives Citation

Clifford King, Tech. 5th grade, is a member of a communication unit which has been commended for faithful performance of duties against the enemy in Northern Guinea. An example of outstanding achievement was the procurement of rations for hungry troops by means of unceasing efforts in contacting radio plane and indicating the position of the battalion in the jungle. King formerly worked in Boxing.

Now In France

Dear Miss Owen:

We are getting around a little now and I am now in La Belle France and at present taking it a little easy.

I sure would like to see the Log over here and if a written request is necessary for overseas delivery then this is it.

At present I'm living in a pup tent and eating three squares a day and enjoying good health.

Every time I see a plane or tank I get a feeling that Sprague's had something to do with its being there and it makes me feel a bit of all right.

It sure was white of you folks to help the hospital in your usual generous manner and it means a lot to me on account of my mother and family.

My best to you at Sprague's.

Lew Quimby

Lawrence Laliberte Promoted to Major

Since the publication of Lawrence Laliberte's last letter in the Sept. 23rd Log, in which he told of the French country through which his unit has invaded, we learn that "Capt." Laliberte has been promoted to major. Major Laliberte wrote from somewhere in France on Sept. 26th that he had received his promotion and that the promotion papers were signed by General Patton, colorful tank commander. Major Laliberte, former Sprague Check Inspector, was commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1942, raised to first lieutenant the following December and became a captain about a year ago. He was decorated with the Silver Star last August.



Pyl. Arthur Wells, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Husband of Frances, of Block Annex.

S-Sgt. Bergeron Greets Son For First Time

Staff Sgt. Paul Bergeron, formerly of Owens Dept. sees his two year old son, David Paul, for the first time, when he came home on furlough from England, after being overseas for over two years. Paul, who enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor disaster, is the holder of the Oak Leaf Cluster for two citations which his outfit, the Eighth Army Air Force won; also the Good Conduct medal and the European theater of war ribbon. He also bears facial scars from a jeep accident in England in July 1943. Paul's sister, Alice Swartzler is doing her bit in War Production in the Scheduling Department, Beaver Plant.



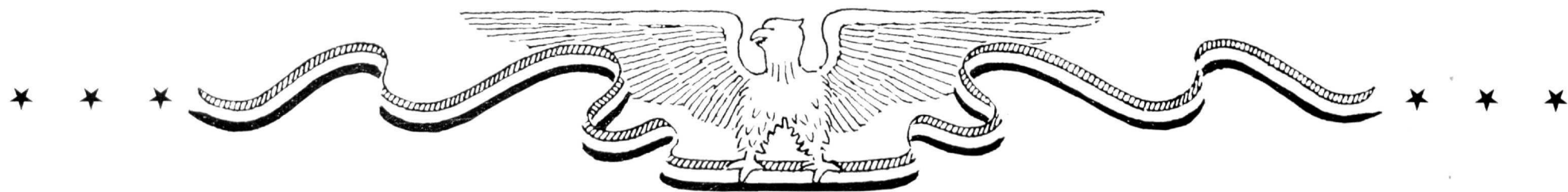
Major Sterling Burnette, somewhere in France. Son of Florence, of Mica.



Cpl. Harry Vallieres, stationed in Wyoming. Husband of Doris of Tubular Assembly, brother of Janet, of Rolling Dept.



Cpl. Richard Burnette, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Son of Florence of Mica.



★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★

The "Admiral"



"Admiral" Dewey Fields Prefers Clouds to Foxholes

September 9, 1944

Hi — Jack and the Gang:

Just a few lines to let you know I am somewhere in Italy. I'm an upper turret gunner and assistant engineer and fly in the B-24 bombers. I expect to start flying my missions soon. I still prefer the good old fleecy clouds to digging foxholes on the ground.

The trees here are filled with grapevines — I spent a lot of time in the trees getting my fill of grapes. There is also plenty of wine, here — if that's what you call it.

Give my regards to Tuffy and the whole gang. I received the *Log* while in the States and would appreciate it very much if I can receive it overseas. I will close now, hoping to be back home with the boys soon.

Your friend,
the "Admiral"

Home on Sick Leave Two Brothers Meet After Two Year Separation

Two Vadenais brothers, the sons of Olive of the Shipping Department, are spending a sick-leave together at their home after an absence of two years. Sgt. V. Bernard was injured while on maneuvers in England; and Hospital Corpsman, Edmund (the first pupil in Drury to enlist) a veteran of the South Pacific area, suffered from battle fatigue following the invasion of the Marshall Islands. The boys are on 21 and 30 day furloughs.

G. J. Gilbert Dies of Wounds

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary Gilbert by her many friends for the loss of her husband, Pfc. George Gilbert, who, wounded in France on August 26th, died two days later.

The announcement that George Gilbert was wounded appeared in the last issue of the *Log*. At that time, it was indicated that his wounds were not serious, but a later telegram from the War Department confirmed his death as of August 28th. Besides his wife, and young son, Donald, Pfc. George leaves his mother, Mrs. Lulu Gilbert of Clarksburg.

Hospitalized in England



Sgt. George J. Gageant, wounded in action August 9th, is now hospitalized in England. Husband of Dorothy of Tubular Assembly.

Receives Purple Heart

Lt. Leslie Bellows, holder of an infantry medal for bravery in combat was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Italy September 16, when struck by shrapnel.

Lt. Bellows, son of William of the Machine Shop, and brother of Faith of the Receiving Dept. received his officer's commission before going overseas, and was a member of the Second Corps of the Fifth Army in Italy. The medal for bravery was given last month when he was instrumental in securing two German prisoners.

Details of Gitelson's Death Released

How Seymour Gitelson was shot down from his plane, and with two companions drifted for days in a rubber liferaft is told by the Navy. He was reported missing June 15 when the plane he was flying crashed into the Pacific ocean. Gitelson and his companions, Theodore Sterling and Jack Cooper were sighted in a raft, but because of heavy seas, the vessels conducting the search could not locate them. On July 21, the body of Jack Cooper was found by a United States Naval vessel, together with a diary in which Cooper had kept a record of their experiences. July 9th entry reads: "Little rain... Sterling jumped into water A.M. Gitelson died last night. Headed west — weak." The last entry was dated July 15.

The account to the Gitelson family closes with the words: "The Navy Department extends sincere sympathy to you in the loss of your son. It is hoped you will find consolation in the knowledge that he was in the service of his country at the time of his death."

An Airman's Prayer

God guard and guide us as we fly
Thru the great spaces of the sky.
Be with us as we take to air —
In morning light and sunshine fair.
Eternal Father, strong to save,
Give us courage and make us brave—
Protect us whereso'er we go
From shell and flack and fear and foe.
Most loved Member of our crew
Ride with us up in the blue,
Direct our bombs upon the foe
But shelter those whom Thou dost know.

Keep us together on our way
And grant our work success to-day.
Deliver us from hate and sin,
And bring us safely down again.
O, God protect us as we fly
Thru lonely ways across the sky.

By S-Sgt. George Peltier
Somewhere in Italy



Pvt. Norbert Miller

Dies September 11, Three Months After His Brother's Death

In Action With Armored Medical Corps in Belgium
Brother Arthur Miller Killed in France Invasion, July 5.

Less than three months after Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller were notified of the death of their son, Arthur R. Miller, they received word from the War Department that their younger son, Norbert J. Miller was killed in action in Belgium, September 11.

Brothers Met in England

Last April, the two brothers met in England for the first time in three years, upon being informed of each other's address through their parents. That was a happy occasion. Pvt. Arthur Miller, formerly employed in the Paper Assembly department and a veteran of the Italian and Sicilian campaigns, met his death in the first days of the French invasion. He had been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Pvt. Norbert Miller left North Adams with the May draft quota last year and arrived in England last December. The last word received from him was on July 18 when he notified his parents that he was in France. He was a member of the armored Medical Corps. Born in November 1924, he attended the local schools and was employed in the Block Test department. He is survived by his parents, a brother, Allen and a sister, Alice.

It is with deep regret that the *Log* informs his many friends of his death, and the entire Sprague Company extends sympathy to this courageous family who have been called upon to sacrifice — not one, but two sons, to the Service.

THREE ROGGE BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Henry Rogge, S 3-c, participated in three major battles, and has served in the Aleutians for 22 months. Brother of Mary, of Tubular Assembly.



Sgt. Austin Rogge, in service almost 4 years. Formerly worked in Owens, now is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn.



Pfc. John Rogge, somewhere in Italy, participated in many battles in European theatre. Brother of Mary, of Tubular Assembly.

BALL TURRET GUNNER MISSING OVER GERMANY

In a telegram to his wife, Doris of the Tubular Assembly Department, Sgt. Gaudette, a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been missing over Germany since September 13.

Sgt. Gaudette entered service in August 1943, received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., later going to an armament school in Colorado, then to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he received his wings, and received a corporal rating. He won his sergeancy in England.



Sgt. Charles Gaudette

Receives Promotion

Harold Sharron has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, according to word received by his mother, Bessie Sharron of Block Test. Sgt. Sharron left the Mica Department, Brown Street to enter service and is now stationed in England.

Promoted to Sergeant

Corp. Clifford Roy, formerly of the Boxing department has been promoted to Sergeant. He has graduated as an airplane mechanic at Lincoln, Neb., and as an instrument specialist at Chicago.



Lt. Lou Gazzaniga, formerly of Chemical Control, and brother of Helen Parisien of T.A.

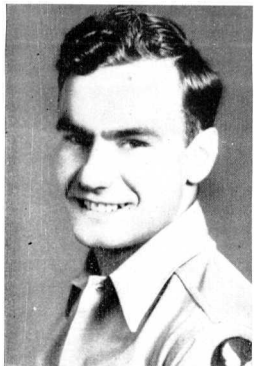
Says Mail Is Scarce in France

Dear Editor:
I received the August 26th edition of the *Sprague Log* today. It sure was swell to get it. Mail is very scarce in this neck of the woods, and we are always glad to receive news from home. The *Log* is the first mail I have received in about two weeks.

Please give my regards to Ken Russell, and the other boys I played ball with. I would like to hear from Ken if he could spare the time. Things are still rough around here and we have a pile of work to do.

I saw Paris a while ago and it is one swell city. I certainly would like to see it when conditions are a little more favorable. So long for now, and give my regards to all the gang.

Sincerely,
Walt Katelye



Corp. Charles Pedrin, stationed at Monroe, La. Brother of Julie and Victor.

Pvt. Donald Gregory wins his paratroop Wings and Boots at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was a former employee in Block Annex.



Pvt. Matthew Krzeminski at Buckley Field, Colo. Husband of Evelyn of Tubular Assembly.

Peter Maruco Meets Vareschi and Januska

Camp McNair, Guam
Sept. 10, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

Here I am again and feeling fine. I am in what is called a rest place. It sure feels good to sleep on top of the ground instead of in a foxhole with a foot or more of water with mud all over one, and we don't need to worry about snipers firing at us here.

The first day we got here, we asked if there was a creek where we could take a bath. Boy, I just don't know how to tell you how I felt to have a bath for the first time in 35 days! Also, the flies and mosquitoes are not as bad here as during the battle.

This island gets much rain—96 inches to be exact, and it is very, very warm. I'm so glad that I can get real water to drink instead of coconut water. I don't like the latter in coffee.

The population of the island is 23,000, and Agaña is the capital of Guam. Agaña was a very nice place before the war, but you should see it now. The native girls that I have seen here are not very bad looking—but I'll take North Adams in preference to any place. Please accept my thanks for giving me John Januska's address. We looked each other up, and also Victor Vareschi. At first, Vareschi didn't know me, until he saw my name on my shirt—then you should have seen him. He is Mess Sgt. and gives his men good meals. We had a swell talk—and about the shop—there must be a lot of changes since we were there. I am writing this in my pup tent by the light of a candle. I'll say good night and happy dreams.

God bless you,
Your friend, Peter.

Welcome

Welcome to E. M. Dammenberg, of the Brown Street Laboratory, and to Mrs. Janice Dammenberg, secretary to J. K. Sprague. The Dammenbergs hail from Bridgeport, Conn. and are living in Colonial Village.



Miss Felicia Leja of Boxing announces her engagement to Walter J. Skowronski of the U.S.N. No wedding date has been set.

The engagement of Miss Lorraine Pinsonault of Block Test to Mr. Bernard Bullett of Factory Engineering, has been announced. The wedding date has been set for October 23rd.

Miss Josephine Jagiello of Industrial Oil Final Assembly has announced her engagement to Harry Harunhush (not employed here). No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Marion Perrotta of K.V.A. has announced her engagement to Charles Charest of Burlington, Vt. The wedding will take place November 4th at Bennington, Vt.

Miss Jeannette Roberts of Western Electric announces her engagement to Harold Cady of Maintenance. The wedding will occur October 28th. Mr. Cady formerly of the Merchant Marines, is on reserve call.

Miss Lillian Blair of Mica department announces her engagement to Kenneth Russell of K.V.A., our able Sports reporter. No date has been set for the wedding.

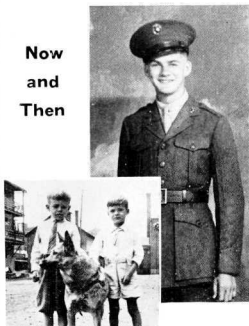
Handing Out Victory

By Claire Murray

Among my various duties as relief operator, one is delivering bonds. This I do not consider work but label it *Pleasure*. Handing out victory. Who could ask for anything better.

As I bring the bonds to the different departments, a wonderful feeling swells up inside me. How fortunate we are to be Americans. Free to do as we please. To insure this *Freedom*, let's keep buying so that our boys may soon stop fighting and come home to their dear ones.... **Bonds for Victory.**

Now and Then



THEN: Linwood Morse (left) and Clifford Morse, when 6 and 5 years old. Both are serving with the Marines. **NOW:** Linwood, formerly of Mica, Brown Street Plant and recently wounded in action, has recovered and taken part in the battles of Tinian and Guam. Sons of Linwood Morse, Sr. of Brown Street.

Moved From New Jersey

Mr. L. S. Shuey has moved his family from Verona, N. J. to North Adams. He will reside at 67 Lois Street. Mr. Shuey is with the Sales Engineering Department.



Pvt. and Mrs. Earl Atwell are the parents of a son born Sept. 26. Mrs. Atwell is Dorothy of Mica Networks.

A daughter, Marianne was born Sept. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Thoros. The mother is Jessie, of Mica Dept.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pedrin on Sept. 19. Victor works in Block Test, and the mother, Zita, worked in the Mica Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels are the parents of a daughter, born October 6th. Frank works in the Maintenance Dept.



Miss Edith Lee of Factory Engineering Dept. became the bride of Pvt. Wallace Dickinson on September 30th. After a trip to Delaware, Mrs. Dickinson will return to work and Pvt. Dickinson will join his outfit in California.

Miss Aureore Lavigne of Block Test was married Sept. 23rd to Pvt. Ralph Wood, at the Notre Dame Rectory.



Music Speeds Up Production

By Claire Murray

Production has been speeded up... and it is no wonder, with those lovely records added to our collection. Our sincere thanks—That album of Glen Miller is really something!—to say nothing of Frankie Carle and the others. Thanks a million—. Don't be surprised if some of them should be missing... with such lovely bait, it is hard to resist!

Partition Patter

By Arthur W. Charron

We find several new neighbors on the Selkar night shift, with Bob Dunn as Supervisor. Welcome to Marshall Street.

"Commando Kelly", our extremely efficient cat, recently visited Mabel Maxwell in the Music Cubicle. Imagine "Commando's" dismay on being ejected merely because he had brought his lunch.

"Morrissey" has vociferously announced that she will no longer answer to that name. She is Ruth to her friends and Mrs. Morrissey to everyone else. O.K. Morrissey, I forgot to remember.

Ruth Millis is back at work after a nice quiet vacation at home.

Art Charron has become a "wow" at first aid. His Infirmary Report reads as follows: "Marge McConnell... one hangnail repaired."

Every woman worth her salt, and even the few unsalted ones I have known, cherishes somewhere in her heart the idea that she should go on a diet every once in a while. It is Doris Armstrong's turn this week.

Clementine Zanetti is back. And Betty Hunter too. We hope you missed our little gang. As much as we missed you.

Among our returned vacationists, we are glad to see Rose Salter who recommends Boston and vicinity for an enjoyable week.

Selkar Department

By T. Burdick and R. Passoti

To Mrs. Dorothy Ivers, we of the Selkar extend our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of her husband, Ensign John Ivers, who was recently killed in an airplane crash at Jacksonville, Florida.

Another Gas Mask girl has found her way into Selkar. A hearty welcome to Laura Derosia. All we need is Anne Madden to cheer us up.

Norman Miller has returned from a four day tour of the Big City (New York ?) That's headline news, Norman!

"Cheese and Rice" go good together, so Jane Windower tells us. At least the combination is saving a lot of pennies for Jane's piggy bank.

Leda King has returned from her vacation in Connecticut. Glad to hear that you enjoyed the rest, Leda.

The big problem of the day: when and how will Marion be able to wear her new coat. You've got to work fast, Marion—it's getting colder every day.

One good way to help spend a pay check, is when you see Gladys Charron rushing up the line with her contribution box under her arm, collecting for the cigarette fund. It's a good idea, Gladys. The boys will certainly get loads of cigarettes.



Beatrice and Kenneth Hill. Ken was formerly of Boxing Dept., and Beatrice works in Tubular Assembly.



Western Electric

By Emma Alongi

Hattie Roy is spending her vacation with her two sons, Pvt. Norman Roy, and Seaman John Roy, home on furlough. It is the first time they have seen each other for a year and a half.

There is a special love bug in the air. Rose Grant received a lovely diamond from her husband while he was in New York, and Rose Lampiasi received one from her husband.

Imagine going back to their baby days and playing on the floor. Tech... tech! If interested, just watch Pat Pitaniello and Hattie Roy.

Can Shop

By Russ and Lena

Morandi would like to know who keeps stealing his lunch.

Pop Jenkins is willing to pay a dollar a week to keep the bounds away.

Why don't Bill and Floyd take some one else fishing with them?

Private Norman Monette recently visited the gang. Lots of luck Norman.

Will somebody donate to the gang an old sink so we won't make Zig mad.

One of the mysteries of life is how does Frank kill chickens by tipping them upside down. Some problem, eh, Yardbird?

Who is keeping Albert awake nights?

If anybody should run across our oil can, please return it to the Can Shop.

CHECK INSPECTION

By Linda Brown

What with all our men in service, we "gals" have to take over. Proof of this is our Check Inspector, Mary (Muscles) Walden, who can even chop down trees and trim them. "No strain on Mary"—as the Navy says.

Planning to redecorate a room? See our Mrs. Shout for an accurate description of her new wall paper.

Lucky girl, Helen Guertin, sporting a new wrist watch.

Mary DelPonte is spending a month with her sailor husband in South Carolina. We miss you, Mary.

Our ideal couple—Rita and her Julie. What would happen if Fran Morse ever lost her sense of humor and took us seriously?

When other friendships are forgot Doris' and Norma's will still be hot!

Do we hear wedding bells in the offing, Peggy S.?

FLASH! MACHINE SHOP COOPERATIVE NETS \$8.00 FOR FUND



The "Cooperative" Fund for Cigarettes for their own service men, netted the Machine Shop gang \$8.00 last Saturday. Donations consisted of filled cookies, squash, apples, pumpkin, lemon pie, broccoli, apple pie, eggs, white and sweet potatoes, a 14-egg angel cake, ripe olives, nut bread and hubbard squash.

"Cooperative" Society Proves Successful

To date, the Machine Shop Cooperative Society has proven most successful. Produce brought in by willing members of the Society have gone like hot cakes—thru' the raffling process. Last Saturday, when the raffle took place, the Machine Shop looked like a Victory garden, with all the vegetables. Donations were from T. C. Ferguson, B. Peters, and H. A. Cassidy. The winners were Jas. Cooper, Jerry Gamari and H. Surr. The net profit totaled \$7.75, to be applied toward the Department's Cigarette Fund, the first week.

Latest Venture Nets \$8.00

The Gang is pleased to announce that their latest venture netted them \$8.00 this Saturday. Donors this time were A. B. Lindquist, John Walsh, R. Bissailon, T. C. Ferguson, N. Richardello, B. Barnhart, L. Morocco, J. L. Murray, F. Petrie, W. Mausert, R. Magnoli. The winners were L. Morocco, R. Lanoue, T. J. Rondeau, R. Faucett, Geo. Scarbo, E. Blouin, T. Francis, H. Cassidy, A. B. Lindquist, B. Peters, N. Mausert, S. Charbonneau, and a special prize to R. Bartlett.

IMPREGNATING

By Angie Langer

Joe Downey advertised for a pair of shoes, size 18—and got a woolen shirt to FIT him, instead. It was much easier to get your size in a shirt, Joe.

George Tetreault's name has been added to the list of "Young and Eligible" men of the department.

Serviceman visitors, formerly employed in the Department who visited us recently were Reginald Rowett of the Cavalry, stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan.; Corp. Nick DelNegro, who said "hello" to us on his way to be re-classified at Westover Field.

October 3rd was Angie Langer's even-numbered birthday!! She received a cake with candles and a hob-nail glass cigarette container with individual trays. Joe and "Red" also helped make it a "happy birthday."

Harry Torrey attended the horse races at the Fair and says he didn't make enough to pay for his breakfast. What prices! eh, Harry?

Machine Shop News

By J. Walsh and E. Remillard

"The Sprague on Parade" program sponsored by the Machine Shop was peppy and well received. John Walsh was Master of Ceremonies; Hank Koloc gave an interesting talk on the growth of the Machine Shop; the comedy team of "Sam" Pyke and "Moe" Richardson put on their usual good act, and the Machine Shop chorus launched their first attack on the bulwarks of fame and fortune. The chorus was composed of: Jack Murray, Jim Cooper, Ray Fawcett, Harry Trombley, Hank Koloc, Cedo Remillard, Walt Baumbert, Nick Richardello, George Scarbo, Ralph Boisjolie, Syd Richardson and Gene Pyke. We were glad to have our former co-worker Edward B. Dion, S 2-c with us on the program. Eddie was home on furlough. Our accompanist was Miss Florence Dunn.

We extend our sympathy to Schuyler Dean on the death of his mother, Mrs. Schuyler Dean, Sr.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to Raymond Bass.

Recent visitors to this Department were: Grant Hamilton, Eddie Dion, Dominick Eposito, who were home on furlough.

Engineering Specs

By Hazel M. Goodale

Friends throughout the plant and in the Engineering Dept. were happy to receive a visit from S-Sgt. Forrest L. Bishop, who has been home on furlough from Italy. He has returned to Atlantic City, N. J. for reassignment.

Fred Crosier has returned to work after spending a vacation at his home.

Phyllis Olson is back at work in the blue printing department after having spent a vacation visiting her husband, Motor Machinists Mate 3rd class, Harold L. Olson, formerly of Maintenance Dept. and now stationed at the Amphibious Training Base on Coronado Island near San Diego, California. Phyllis made the trip in the company of Pat Raedel who was formerly employed by Sprague's and whose husband Motor Machinists Mate 3rd class, Paul Raedel is also stationed at the Amphibious Training Base on Coronado Island. Among other things Phyllis has brought back a nice tan which goes to show how the girls spent their time while their husbands were on duty at the Base.

Paper Rolling

By A. O'Brien and M. Lamberti

BIRTHDAYS—

Kathleen Morrissey was presented with a beautiful monogrammed compact for her birthday, which occurred last Saturday.

Mary Solomon was presented with a birthday cake, which was stolen, then later returned, to be eaten by the gang.

Birthday greetings also go to Mabel Theriault and Laura Ellis who celebrated their birthdays last week.

We extend best wishes to Eleanor Stack and Dorothy Chalifoux who are convalescing.

Eva Le Scarbo and Kathryn Dunn spent the week end in Boston.

Virginia Piaggi and Margaret Lamberti spent the weekend in Springfield. Sarafina Laversa is spending part of her vacation in New York.

Welcome back to Rachel Godbout, Laura Benoit.

Some of our girls are very studious: Roseanna Vigna, Lorraine Trombley and Helen Poirot have entered Bliss Business College.

Is Jackie Senecal gaining weight — or is it just an optical illusion?

Songs That Fit --

Mary Zajac—Take It Easy

Enis Montagna—

You're My Little Pin Up Girl

Roma Sacco—

Have You a Love to go with That?

Myrtle Ellis—

It Could Happen To You

Roseanna Vigna—

Nothing Can Replace a Man

Gloria Libardi—

Bluebirds in My Belfry

Molly Scerbo—Best of All

Lena Solari—

I'd Love to Make Love to You

Eva Daldoss—

Oh! Please Tell Me Darling

Mary Zapponi—

You're Slightly Terrific

Vi Lampiasi—

My Dream Book of Memories

"Virgie" Piaggi—

Forget-Me-Nots in Your Eyes

Lena Solomon—Every Day of My Life

Margaret Lamberti—

I've Had This Feeling Before

Kathleen Morrissey—It Had to be You

Jeannette Roy has received news that her husband Cliff was promoted to Sergeant.

What's this about Tillie Lic getting married? She certainly had us fooled—it was her girl friend's wedding—Alice didn't know that, did you Alice?



Block Test

By Barbara King

Farewell to Our Own WAC

Farewell to you, Arlene,
We hate to see you go.
Things won't be the same—
We all will miss you so!

You've answered the call of Uncle Sam
The call for the brave and true.
We know you'll do your very best
For the good old Red, White and Blue!

Partings always are so sad
And yet they are so sweet.
They show how one is esteemed—
Remember this, until we meet.

God bless you always, Arlene,
Protect you from day to day
Guide you, as you march for our flag
And until you march home to stay.

Rita Allard

Bowling Team

Challenges Other Teams

The Block Test has its Girls' Bowling Team organized, and wants matches with other teams. Those on our team are: Anna Lamoureux, Josephine DePaoli, Eleanore Stecher, Emily Koczela and Barbara King.

Arlene Chalifoux Feted at Farewell Party

Arlene Chalifoux who starts WAC training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. was honored at a Farewell party September 26th at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. Sixty-five co-workers of the department were present. After a delicious supper of chicken with all the trimmings and spaghetti, Miss Chalifoux was presented a purse of money by our Master of Ceremonies, Frank Manns. Others called on to say a few words were: Joe Garceau, Muriel Benz, Theresa Briggs, Harry Arbour (who expressed himself in rhyme), Harry Carpenter, Dolores Bailey and Mary Roberts. An original poem, written by Rita Allard was read. After Arlene Chalifoux made a very nice "thank you" speech, dancing was enjoyed. It was then that Rita Allard's hidden talents came to light—she sang several songs and was her own accompanist. A duet was enjoyed by Helen Lesure and Barbara King... Everyone enjoyed themselves—including Mrs. Garner who arrived wearing two different earrings! The highlight of the evening was an exhibition of jitterbugging by George Senecal and Harry Carpenter.

The committee in charge of the party included Theresa Briggs, Emily Koczela and Barbara King.

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Rita Dargie and Margaret Bombardier spent their vacations at home.

Congratulations—to Aurore Lavigne Wood, our recent bride.

Welcome back—to Rose Allard and Grace Wyman, who were away on leaves of absence.

Three cheers—to Josephine DePaoli on getting her driver's license. She can now drive her car lawfully!

Congratulations—to Victor Pedrin of our department, and Zita of Mica, on the arrival of their little son.

Say—why has Julia (Dukie) Abraham taken a sudden interest in Ouiji boards?

All in a Song

By Betty Hubbard

My Darling:

I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night,
Because, I'm in Love With Someone
Who's Not In Love With Me. Night
and Day, You Are Always In My
Heart, and I Don't Want to Walk
Without You, so 'Till You Come
Marching Home Again, I'll Walk
Alone.

You'll Never Know Just How Much
I Love You. I'll Be Faithful Forever
and Will Keep the Homefires Burning,
Forever and a Day.

My Heart Tells Me, You're My Man,
So When the Lights Go On Again All
Over the World, Let's Let the Rest of
the World Go By, Then I Won't Have
the Blues In the Night, for We'll Be
Together Until the Day After Forever.

Someday, In Apple Blossom Time,
We'll Meet Again and do the Victory
Polka in Cherry Blossom Lane. 'Till
Then, Stay As Sweet As You Are and
If I Get No Letter Today, I Under-
stand.

Take Me Back Into Your Heart, and
Remember, You're the Love Of My Life
Only Forever, and When the Roses
Bloom Again, I'll Be Close to You.

I Wish That I Could Hide Inside
This Letter, but I'll Get By, and Pack
Up My Troubles In My Old Kit Bag.

Goodnight, Wherever You Are, I'll
See You In My Dreams, Later Tonight,
Thanks For the Memories.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bedard were married August 16, 1944. Mrs. Bedard is the former Eileen O'Brien, clerk in Tubular Assembly.

Dry Test

By Marie Sherry

We are glad to see Harriet Fortin, Esther Vetro and Barbara Phillips back at work.

Helen Mancuso spent the week end in Boston with her brother, Joe, who is in the Navy.

Who is the girl who brought the chocolate pie in for Cooks?

With further additions to Dry Formation—there won't be any Dry Test left!

Marie Sherry had a farewell party for John Millis, Robert Reardon, Edwin Luczynski of Dry Test, and three other boys who leave to join the Navy.

Rose Messina spent her vacation in Brooklyn, N. Y. While there, she enjoyed seeing the Andrews Sisters in person.

Boxing Department

By Connie Urbano

Congratulations to Felicia Leja whose engagement is announced.

Arthur Bell, our former Time Study clerk, was a welcome visitor at the Plant. Remember him—alias "Thockmoton" in the Benefit Show melodrama "Jedediah Jasmine Jailed"?

Our Birthday Club celebrated Doris Harvey's birthday. We sincerely hope that the one remaining candle signified "Good Luck and Many Happy Returns."

VACATIONS: Maud Gebauer, our clerk, spent her vacation at Boston and at home; Jenny Morin enjoyed the high spots of New Jersey and New York.

Rena Roy and Lil Boyer were recent visitors in New York. They visited the Ice Capades....And what about that belt hop?

Tubular Assembly

By Eleanor Stay

It's great news to learn that our former co-worker, Pvt. "Jo" Gelineau has arrived safely in France from England. We wish you a lot of luck, Joan!

Pvt. Emma Blair has returned to her station in Tennessee after a fifteen-day furlough home. Hope we'll be seeing you soon!

Our sympathy to Doris Gaudette, whose husband is reported missing in action.

At last!—Sonny Williams' call has come. He will now take up duties with Uncle Sam. In what?...The NAVY, girls....From all of us—the Best of Luck!

Sorry to learn about Eleanor Macksey—better stay close to the ground, Eleanor.

The Morin sisters, Florence and Nellie, spent their vacations in New York and New Jersey.

Phyllis Lemoine will take up her duties October 12th with the WAVES. Best of luck, Phyl.

Wish you could get a longer pass, Romeo—it's nice seeing you occasionally—how about some news?

We welcome Mr. Garceau to our department. We hope you like us all.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:

Eleanor S.—Got to work on time.
Leon De—Got our stock on time.
Teddy B.—Would smile more often.
Grace M.—Wouldn't yell so often.
Earl O.—Didn't work so hard.
Mickey H.—Would dance for us often.

Gert. H.—Didn't sing so often.

The answer to the above is: There wouldn't be any Tubular Assembly gang, now, would there?

Night Shift

By Lorraine Lussier

Welcome to our department, Alma King and Angelina Lefebvre. We hope you enjoy working with us.

Welcome back to Olive Blair, absent for sometime.

Mrs. Alma Fox has returned from New York where she spent her vacation with relatives and friends.

Who is that fellow who waits for Ann Vivori every night with a green truck? Now don't tell us it's your brother, Ann.

Misfortune of one of our twins: It seems that there was a beautiful moon one night and Sara Cassidy stepped out of the car to view it, fell against the curb and broke her glasses. Was the sight worth it?

PARTITION ASSEMBLERS LUNCH AT ROGER'S CORNER, N. Y.



Doris Armstrong, Laura Pierce, Ruth Morrissey, Marjorie McConnell and her husband P.O. Laurence McConnell enjoy some of New York's high spots.

NETWORKS

By Lucy DeFazio

Gwen Mathews returns to school, but you will find her ambitiously working in the laboratory after school hours.

Welcome to our newcomers: Grace Pickett and Elizabeth Coty; also Thomas Dufraine and Francis Savage in the laboratory.

Ruth Brouillett vacationed in Norwich, Conn.

How come Emma Quinn is adopting so many daughters — now, Greta Garbo is no longer alone!

You should hear Gwen Mathews describe that new little nephew she is so proud of!

Charles Thompson, one of our former employees, visited our department recently. He is stationed in New Jersey.

We extend our deep sympathy to Theresa Phillips for the loss of her mother.

When the smoke cleared, you were there.

Your smiling face, your lovely hair — Your eyes that shone like gleaming stars,

While I held you in my arms... I dream and pray some future day I'll have you with me here to stay.

What joy to have you close in sight — Forget the clock for all the night.

Then, when my cigarette I puff... With comfortable, rolled-up cuffs So strong a love—so fine a pair — When the smoke clears, you'll be there!

L. D. F.

Bath tub Assembly News

By T. Boulerville and R. Haskins

Ann Palmer's brother, Sgt. Robert Livingston recently spent a furlough here, from his camp in Texas.

Bowling in Reverse

When a group of the Bath tub Assembly girls went bowling recently, Eleanor Charbonneau asked Ruth how to throw the ball, claiming she didn't know how to bowl. The result: Eleanor made a beautiful strike... Now, when the girls go bowling, Ruth Haskins asks Eleanor how it is done!



BLOCK ANNEX

By Esther Perrault

Betty Morton has left us to make her home in Wilmington, Mass. We wish you loads of luck, Betty, and will miss you very much.

Speedy recovery to Josephine Bugbee.

George Mulcahy has gone to the Brown Street Laboratory to work. We wish you much success.

Adeline Parsons has left to retrain at the Training Center.

Delina Bombardier gave us quite a surprise when we heard she was getting married to Mr. Flanders. Her new home is in Albany, N. Y. We wish you the best of luck.

Alice Bowen is back with us — glad to have you, Alice.

2nd Shift -- Pat Marlowe

Didja know?—Eddy Suther can jitterbug—he's good, too...Charles says Bernie Flaherty is a man...Julie Pedrin's job is to pass on knowledge...a farewell party was held for Rita Disanti,—yes, they had food.

Alice Lavarriere and Florence Gosselin (Frenchy) went to visit Louise Blanchard who hopes to be home for Christmas.

Block Annex lost its best Filer when George Mulcahy was transferred to the Brown Street laboratory.

Welcome to our pretty blonde, Dolores Bailey. (More competition).

Favorite on the night shift — George LeSage and Junior Rennell—(The only men we have!)

Our inseparables—Grace Francis and Doris Colt.



RESISTORS -- Standard Line

By "Pat" Shafer and Pat Collins

FITTING SONGS—

Rita DePari—Nothing Can Replace a Man
Art Van Steenburg—

Delightfully Dangerous
Blanche Franceschini—

They Always Pick On Me
Theresa Alcaro—Sweet and Lovely

Pat Shafer—Ready-Aim-Kiss
Kay DePari—Time Alone Will Tell

Pat Collins—These Foolish Things
Remind Me of You

Clista Gardener—Write to Me Darling,
Care of My Heart

Dorothy Grant—It's Love, Love, Love

Mica Department

By Cecil Bombardier

Evelyn Tower spent a week's vacation in New York City.

What did that certain sailor do to Lucille Bergeron. After he left, Lucille fell on the floor! !

Mica Dept. News

By E. Rhodes and T. Bushika

FLASH: "Frank Sinatra" of the Mica has a hair cut!

Mickey Valotta is looking for packages of gum, instead of a stick to chew. Did you ever try to sell tickets in the Mica Dept? ? ?

Will the wonders of the world never cease? "Tra" Bushika came in at 6 o'clock the other morning.

We're all so glad we know Bea Garrison.

What was the conference about, between Bill Mendel and Mike Pierce, the other day? Can it be they're going to put runners on their cruiser for the winter! ! !

If you hang around with the right people, you'll get places fast. We're still glad we know Bea Garrison.

What has made Franny Moreau so quiet. Can it be Love?

We want to welcome the Silver Mica Dept. into our big happy (?) family. Jack Hooton, of the Networks, is leaving to take a position in Georgia. Congratulations to Zita Pedrin, proud mother of young Gary Victor.

VACATIONS:

"Gerrie" Reeves spent her vacation at Glens Falls, N. Y.; "Jackie" Davis, Grace Southgate, Eleanor Lally and Jim and Peg Dickie spent the week end at Camp Kilteburn, Lake Lauderdale, N. Y.; Gladys Hamer spent her week's vacation in Bristol, Conn.; Emma St. Pierre and Eleanor Rhodes went to town in Boston over the week end.

Alice Laperriere has returned after spending the past six months with her husband in Evansville, Indiana.

"Dolly" Francis is spending a leave with her husband in Leesville, La. M. Coulter is now known as "Elizabeth". Why? He punched a time card, four times one day with the name, Elizabeth Coulter on it — by mistake, of course.

CORRECTION: June Lahue will be married to Joseph Roberts some time in October, not January, as stated.

Mica Preparation

By Rita Johnson

Millie Prevey has been enjoying a vacation in Providence, R. I.

Millie Jones was given a greenback shower Friday night in honor of her approaching marriage to Clarence Tatro.

Hurry back, Dorothy Slade, we miss you.

Bertha Davis spent the week end in Burlington, Vt.

Ruby Pratt, Olga Campedelli and Viola Maruco recently celebrated their birthdays and were presented gifts by their co-workers.

Kay Varin, Ivy Gavan, Sadie Champagne, Virginia Libardi and Irene Boucher were blood donors recently.

Bob Mann and Dot Bontwell, formerly of the Silver Mica, have moved into our department.

Ora Lesage and Esther Peters, of the afternoon shift, celebrated their birthdays recently and were presented cards and gifts by the girls.

Alice Picard is unable to be at work because of a badly cut hand.

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:

Rose—Lost her smile
Gloria—Got her man
Annie—Couldn't play cards
Evelyn—Didn't diet
Louise—Lost her crochet hook
Connie—Couldn't read
Gertrude—Had a date with George
Eileen—Knew when Navy was Navy
Ceil—Jitter-bugged
Jennie—Couldn't smile
Katherine—Won the pool
Vic—Reached high C
Helen—Tried hot turkey
Blanche—Lost her lunch
Inez—Came in everyday
Helen H.—

Forgot to say "Good Morning"
Katherine E.—Lost her pencil
Kay C.—Was sad
Kay M.—Got married
Charles—Was a sourpuss
Harold—Was good natured
Roma—Heard the alarm
Rita D.—Lost her bandana
Kay G.—Lost her recipe for cookies
Tootsie—Ate turtle soup

Katherine Coody had a pleasant trip to New York, visiting her daughter Mary E. Coody A-S, in the WAVES. Connie, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Katherine Coody's son, George Coody, S 1-c, is a night instructor at Pacific Beach, Washington.

Glad you're back, Helen. We missed your cheery "Good Morning".

Roma, so sorry you left us. Your friends do miss you.

Keep up the dancing girls—you may hit Broadway someday—note Connie and Rosie.

Paper Networks

By A. Heath and W. Sheldon

SONGS THAT FIT:

Lena Bullett—"I Don't Want to Set the World On Fire"
Millie Charbonneau—"I'll Be Around"
June Cole—"Where Does Love Begin?"
Florence Toyne—"Kiss Me Again"
Flo Danforth—"I Like to Give My Dogs To Uncle Sam"
Eleanor DeSanty—"You're Just the Sweetest Thing."

Marie Garner—"Tea For Two"

Ann Heath—"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

Evelyn Morton—"Bend Down, Sister"

Anne Madden—"I Got the Bird on the Canary Island"

Grace Ogert—"The Sixty-Four Dollar Question"

Alta Oakes—"Going My Way"

Viola Rand—"Good Night, Where Ever You Are"

Bill Sheldon—"One Alone"

Francis Stanton—"Behind the Swinging Door"

Bernie Stackpole—"Asleep in the Deep"

Lyda White—"They're Either Too Young or Too Old"

Ida White—"Swinging on a Star"

Jessie Wilks—"Squander Bug"

Marguerite Walsh—"One Little WAC"

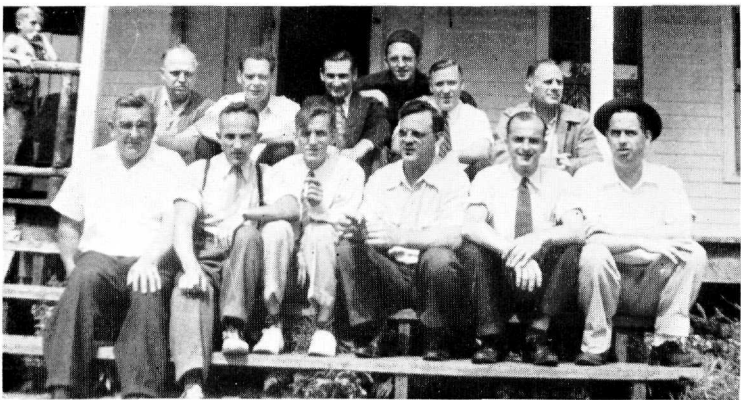
Sam Dean—"Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me"

Eva Green—"Figure It Out For Yourself"

Mary Girard—"Remember Pearl Harbor"

TANKS TO THE YANKS

DRY FORMATION OUTING AT N. A. SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



Front row: "Bisk" Goyette, Adam Pevoski, Lou Haley, Len Bourrie, Joe Giroux, F. X. Shea. Second row: Ellsworth Griffin, "Willpower" Harrington, "Brooksie", George Senecal, Art Hewitt and Ed Ducharme. A good dinner and a swell time were had at the Dry Formation Outing held recently.

Poem Dedicated to Our Office (15-6) Girl

"PEG"

There was a young girl called Peg,
Whose energies went to her head,
With a swing and a sway
She swept all (office) dust away,
And now, the poor girl's half dead.
Poor Peg.

Birthday Party

Friday evening, September 22, a birthday party was held at Morrissey's, in honor of Bertha Gallese. Dinner was delayed due to one order given by,—let's not mention names,—but the initials are "Mac". We were fortunate to have Margaret Mancuso and Claire Murray with us. What would have happened to the roll situation if they hadn't been there. Wasn't the butter good, girls? Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had our dessert at Bertha's home. Irene's new blouse became a topic open to arguments. We'll never forget that shade, Irene. Ask Millie Ottman how that pie was finally cut. We were so glad Helen O'Brien was able to be with us,—ginger ale being what it is, we had our doubts. The team of Heath and Murray carried out the entertainment features for the evening. 'Nuff said.

Our guest of honor was presented a gift and she certainly did respond. May all your birthdays be as happy as the one in 1944, Bertha.

K. V. A. Stockroom

By Marie Barbuto

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Deeb Solomon.

I wonder why the boys call Al Giusti (our supervisor) the Whip?

The following poem was submitted to me by the gang —

Our Gang

There's Durkee the playboy and Giusti the fox.

Then comes Folino who never watches the clock.

We also have Sam, the man with a line
And Marie Barbuto with a smile so devine.

Some people on juvenile delinquency frown

But Stanley's essay is reforming the town.

Now Tommy Attella is trying to smoke —

But a cigarette for him looks like a joke.

Deeb is the boy we all do miss,
For he makes us feel we have a life of bliss.

All in all we're a pretty swell gang

In Hollywood, we'd go over with a bang!

Sample Lab

Welcome to our new male members, Ed Scully and George Mulcahy—and we hope you like it down here with all of "us girls."

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF? ? ? ? ?

Frank lost his flare for all those witty sayings —

Scully didn't leave his hat on the rack to catch the water —

George didn't know how to jigger-bug —

Gilda didn't get ink all over her hands every time she stamps —

Marge left her first aid kit at home—
Blanche talked more and giggled less —

Peg's tonsils grew back in again —

Lucille's machine didn't break down —

Mary B. lost all her pep and energy —

Dora made a lot of noise —

Eleanor could always find the right mandrel —

Alma didn't have anything to sell —

Rita M. didn't scuff her feet all the time —

Gladys could always find her scale —

Lorreta didn't get her Sears catalog every year —

Mary M. didn't fall at least once a week!

Rita D. could repeat her fall in the front yard! !

If our fish really grew into great big whales! ! !

— The Eyes and Ears of the Sample Lab.

Industrial Oil Rolling and Vit. Q.

By Maryrose Duquette

Our Vacationers are back on the job after enjoying their vacations:

Our supervisor Edith Shaw is back after spending a week's vacation in New York. . . Alice Beauchamp recently returned from a week's vacation at Cape Cod, Boston. Alice, you didn't happen to take up prize fighting, did you? . . . Liz Slattery is back on the beam after enjoying two weeks in New York City. What's this we hear about you meeting the famous actor "John Boles?"

Rachel Kleiner has left our department to work in Connecticut. Good luck to you Rachel.

Gerry Roberts and Lucille Petrovicz are happy girls these days. Must be due to the fact that their hubbies are home on furloughs.

Irene Sweeney has returned to work after residing for three months in San Francisco, Calif. with her husband, Clarence, of the U. S. Navy. It looks like sunny California agreed with you Irene. Glad to have you back with us again.

Pauline Martin is visiting her husband stationed in Louisiana. That's why Doris has been so lonesome.

Why has Anne Watt's heart been out in the Atlantic lately?

If anyone would be interested in the finest arrangements of songs, come up and listen to Irene, Laura and Liz. P.S.—Results can't be guaranteed.

Mica Prep. Department

By Rita Johnson

VACATIONS: Louise Begiebing enjoyed a week in New York City, and another week at her home — resting; Anna Mae Jones spent her vacation in Boston; Kay Varin is enjoying a three weeks' vacation in New York. WEEKENDS ENJOYED: Alice Lavariere at New York; Helen Slater at her camp in Rowe, Mass.; Almaud Dupont in Pittsfield; Marie Bissaillon in New York.

Birthday Celebrated

Doretta Blanchard recently celebrated her birthday, and she was presented with many pretty gifts by the girls of both shifts.

The girls of the Mica Prep. presented Millie Jones Tatro with a beautiful chenille bedspread for a wedding gift. Millie was married September 30th.

A sunshine basket was sent to Alice Picard, and a bouquet of flowers to Isabelle Chesbro was received.

This thoughtfulness was due to the co-workers of the Night Shift spark testers.

Yvonne Brooks recently celebrated her wedding anniversary and was presented a gift by the night shift girls.

Rose Bruno is singing a lot lately — she's probably happy over the arrival of that new granddaughter.

READY FOR WINTER



Instructions show two pretty patterns for gloves. One for knitted, the other for crocheted gloves. Not too early to think of Christmas gifts!

Instructions may be obtained at the Dispensary.

Checking Along With the Resistors

By Kay Corsi

Hats off to our blood donors: Steffie Novak, Della Keating, Stella Belanger, and Jessica Waryjasz.

Good luck to Marie Lemieux on her new job as vocalist with Gino Maroni and his orchestra.

Lucky girl is Ardelle Ruby getting that box of chocolates from? ? ? ?

We're all sorry to see Lil Marco leave us for awhile. She's the kind of girl we'll miss lots.

Mimi DiTursi and Janet Norcross spent a week in Boston.

Mrs. Doble spent her vacation in Arkansas with her son in Service.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery from all the gang to Elizabeth LaBelle.

The room wouldn't be the same if: Cassie Chaput didn't have her pickles,

Lil Crandall and Doretta Brookman didn't argue,

Ella Mae Landry didn't have company at her machine,

Scotty Davis didn't have a joke,

Mary Scarfone didn't talk about a sailor,

Helen Jobin didn't write her letter at noon.

This is your reporter checking off till next time.

Wire Coating News

1st Shift -- Betty Jangrow

Julia Shea enjoyed a vacation in Rhode Island.

Jean Hermon visited New York City.

Helen Faxon spent some time in Jersey. Memories, Helen?

"Pete" Lepage enjoyed a week home with his family.

We welcome Mr. Koscielniak, our new painter, to Wire Coating.

We all enjoyed a letter Peg Durnin received from Peg Dennis relating incidents of her trip to Louisiana.

Mary Pickwell celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary, October 6.

The poem, "My Sailor Son" appearing on another page, we dedicate to Helen Faxon, Dorothy McKeon and Ella Cummings, whose sons are serving in the Navy.

HEY BILL!

Will you hook on? . . . My needle jumped up. . . No. 7 is broken! . . . Will you get me a spool? . . . Where's Norma? . . . Can you go out now? . . . Rhena! I just came in and I'm running out. . . A 15 min. run, please. . . I'm stripping. . . Go up two. . . Familiar Expressions to the operators.

2nd Shift -- Connie Prendergast

Helen and Lawrence Burdick, together with Lucille and Norman Miller, celebrated the Burdick's 22nd wedding anniversary in New York City recently. They really had a good time! They gave ole' North Adams a plug over the "Ladies Be Seated" broadcast. And, just to keep the program lively, Helen sawed wood for the audience and Lawrence washed dishes blindfolded. Did they enjoy themselves!! And Lucille, I always thought black sheer was most devastating.

Hello Chauncy Weld!! Glad you are with us, and please keep coming in every day for your apple! Your chuckle is so "fetchin'."

It's nice to have Corena Tatro back with us. She spent an enjoyable month with her son, Bernard, who was home on furlough from Cuba.

3rd Shift -- Mary Rosse

One of the gang, Betty Bleau, has left to work in another department. The best of luck to you, Betty.

Marie Rivers has a leave of absence. We certainly miss your lovely smile.

To: "Martha Robinson"—Here's hoping you are feeling well and that you will soon be back with us again.

"The Gang"

Pvt. Harold Affhauser, a former worker of the Moulding Dept., was a recent visitor here. His visit was greatly enjoyed by all.

What with colder weather coming on, I'd advise more sleep and warmer clothing. Have noticed plenty of sniffing going on. Take care, gang, colds are on their way, and once you get the little "germ", there's no telling.

Ruth Duquette, we understand, has enlisted in the WAVES. She is at present awaiting her call. Ruthie is the "baby" of our shift — full of fun, wit, vitality, plus always willing to lend a helping hand. We know you will make a good WAVE. We wish you all the luck and happiness!

Pvt. Fred Jones, husband of Phyllis Jones, is home after receiving a medical discharge. Phyllis is so glad to have him home again.

K. V. A. Cover Assembly

Lil Hart

WELCOME TO—Theresa Paquin,—glad to see you back.

Alice Crockwell, and Rita DePari of Resistors, who vacationed in the "Beantown", revealed they had a wonderful time "painting the town red." . . . John Walsh, our night supervisor, vacationed in "Watertown" . . . Mary McAndrews with relatives in Lowell, Mass. . . Rita Murdock spent a few days at North Westport, Mass., visiting Yvonne (Laramie) McCarthy, formerly of North Adams. . . Stacia Meczwar spent her week at home sleeping.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. "Vic" Lampiasi celebrating their 8th anniversary, Sept. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Champagne celebrating their 2nd anniversary Sept. 26. By the time this issue is out, "Fat" will have finished painting and furnishing their new home. (Fat will make a good housekeeper Mrs. Champagne. You should see how well he swept the "Riveters Isle". All he needed was an apron.)

POET'S CORNER:

"Claude" has a car everyone knows, When he wants to travel, off he goes, It will register gas, that's plainly seen, But inside the tank, it's half "Kerosene."

The shipping department contains, A certain "Johnny", and "Bill"; Space is limited, I won't explain How confusing it's getting for "Phil".

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (on the six o'clock shift.)

Marion Roy	"Sleepy"
Irene Charron	"Sneezy"
Phil Labrecque	"Dopey"
Stacia Meczwar	"Grumpy"
Betty Louison	"Bashful"
Mary Cantoni	"Happy"
Fat Champagne	"Doc"
Junior Coody	"Snow White"

(These names are fictitious—any similarity to persons living or dead is purely coincidental.)

June Barnhardt, we miss you and your great effort to make "Bonus".

Frances Collins, former "Riveter", is now teaching school in Tuscon, Arizona.

Marion R., don't you think it would be better to "bet" on "Hobby Horses"? You wouldn't lose so much. (smiles)

Resistor Navy Line

By Bertha Salavantis

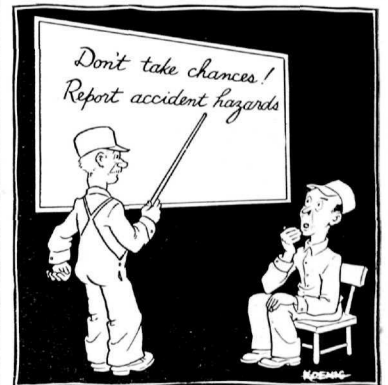
Sorry you had to leave us Claire, and we miss you. We wish you all the luck in the world in your new venture.

Who was the Irish tenor, singing "The Rose of Arabee" in the Richmond last Saturday? Those who heard him said it was very good, and that he works at Brown Street.

Mary Daniels of the Training Center received a most unusual package the other day—She jumped when she opened it—it contained a turtle. Now we hear Mary is going around sporting a turtle on a leash!

Why did everyone run past the casting table the other morning? Reason: "Speed" Theberge's green sweater. They took it for the "go" signal.

THE SAFETY CORNER



We repeat: Don't take Chances!